

Thursday, March 25, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Congressional Budget.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, Concurrent Budget Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3309–S3383*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifty bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 713–762, S.J. Res. 16–17, S. Con. Res. 23–24, and S. Res. 75.

(See next issue.)

#### Measures Passed:

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Pursuant to the order of March 18, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 544, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on Tuesday, March 23, 1999.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Kyl, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, and Durbin.

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Subsequently, S. 544 was placed back on the Senate calendar.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(See next issue.)

**Cuban Human Rights:** By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 67), Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Graham/Mack Amendment No. 245, to state that where such abuses violate internationally accepted

norms of conduct enshrined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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**Congressional Budget:** By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 20, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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#### Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 154, to express the sense of the Senate that agricultural risk management programs should include livestock producers.

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Dodd Amendment Modified No. 160, to increase the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$7.5 billion over five years, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut and leaves adequate room in the revenue instructions for targeted tax cuts that help families with the costs of caring for their children, and that such relief would assist all working families with employment related child care expenses, as well as families in which one parent stays home to care for an infant. (By yeas to nays (Vote No. 74), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

(See next issue.)

Graham Modified Amendment No. 164, to express the sense of the Senate that funds recovered from any Federal tobacco-related litigation should be set-aside for the purpose of first strengthening the medicare trust fund and second to fund a medicare prescription drug benefit.

(See next issue.)

Graham Modified Amendment No. 165, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should offset inappropriate emergency funding from fiscal year 1999 in fiscal year 1999.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 169, to express the sense of the Senate on the social promotion of elementary and secondary school students.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 170, to express the sense of the Senate regarding social security “notch babies”, those individuals born between the years 1917 and 1926.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 171, to ensure that the President’s after school initiative is fully funded for fiscal year 2000.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 173, to express the sense of the Senate on women and Social Security reform.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 175, to ensure that the substantial majority of any income tax cuts go to middle and lower income taxpayers.

(See next issue.)

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 65), Roth Modified Amendment No. 176, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the modernization and improvement of the medicare program.

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S3352–53

Lautenberg Amendment No. 183, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should enact legislation to modernize America’s schools.

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Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 185, to provide a substitute for section 205 regarding the emergency designation point of order.

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Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 186, to express the sense of the Senate that the provisions of this resolution assume that it is the policy of the United States to provide as soon as it is technologically possible an education for every American child that will enable each child to effectively meet the challenges of the 21st century.

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Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 187, to finance disability programs designed to allow individuals with disabilities to become employed and remain independent.

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Lautenberg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 188, to express the sense of the Senate that agricultural commodities and products, medicines, and medical products should be exempted from unilateral economic sanctions.

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Lautenberg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 189, to express the sense of the Senate regarding capital gains tax fairness for family farmers.

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Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 191, to express the sense of the Senate that the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program should be fully funded.

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Lautenberg (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 197, to express the sense of the Senate regarding asset-building for the working poor.

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Lautenberg (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 199, to help insure the long-term national security of the United States by budgeting for a robust Defense Science and Technology Program.

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Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 202, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of funding for embassy security.

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Lautenberg (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 205, to allow for a tax cut for working families that could be provided immediately, before enactment of Social Security reform would make on-budget surpluses available as an offset.

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Domenici (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 206, to provide the sense of the Senate regarding support for Federal, State and local law enforcement, and for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

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Domenici (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 207, to ensure a rational adjustment to merger notification thresholds for small business and to ensure adequate funding for Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

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Domenici (for Enzi) Modified Amendment No. 208, to express the sense of the Senate that the Marriage Penalty should be eliminated and the marginal income tax rates should be uniformly reduced.

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Domenici (for Shelby) Amendment No. 209, to express the sense of the Senate that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 needs comprehensive reform.

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Domenici (for Sessions) Amendment No. 210, to express the sense of the Senate that the additional tax incentives should be provided for education savings.

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Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 211, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Davis-Bacon Act.

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By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 68), Domenici (for Santorum/Leahy) Amendment No. 212, to express the sense of the Senate that the 106th Congress, 1st Session should reauthorize funds for the Farmland Protection Program.

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Domenici (for DeWine/Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 213, to express the sense of the Senate regarding support for State and local law enforcement.

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Domenici (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 214, to express the sense of the Senate that funding for Federal drug control activities should be at a level higher than that proposed in the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2000.

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Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 215, to express the sense of the Senate concerning resources for autism research through the National Institutes

of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Domenici (for Roberts) Amendment No. 216, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the potential impact of the amendments to the medicare program contained in the Balanced Budget Act on access to items and services under such program.

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Domenici (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 217, to express the sense of the Senate that the budget process should require truth-in-budgeting with respect to the on-budget trust funds.

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Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 219, to express the sense of the Senate that \$50 million will be provided in fiscal year 2000 to conduct intensive firearms prosecution projects to combat violence in the twenty-five American cities with the highest crime rates.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

(See next issue.)

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 220, to express the sense of the Senate on providing women direct access to physicians specializing in obstetrics and gynecological services.

Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 221, to express the sense of the Senate concerning fostering the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities.

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Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 222, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining at least current expenditures (including emergency funding) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2000.

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Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 224, to express the sense of Congress that South Korea must abide by its international trade commitments on pork and beef.

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Domenici (for Shelby/Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 225, to express the sense of the Senate that no additional firewalls should be enacted for transportation activities.

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Domenici (for Enzi) Amendment No. 226, to express the sense of the Senate that new public health programs should not be established to the detriment of funding for existing, effective programs, such as the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.

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Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 227, to provide for the continued viability of professional, educational, and trade associations.

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Domenici (for Gregg/Collins) Amendment No. 229, to express the sense of the Senate concerning funding for special education.

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Domenici (for Stevens/Warner) Amendment No. 230, to provide an exception for emergency defense spending.

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Domenici (for Grams) Modified Amendment No. 231, to express the sense of the Senate on providing tax relief to all Americans by returning the non-Social Security surplus to taxpayers.

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Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 236, to strike section 201, Reserve Fund for a Fiscal Year 2000 Surplus, as provided for under Title II—Budgetary Restraints and Rulemaking.

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Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 237, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of social security for individuals who become disabled.

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Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 238, to provide \$200,000,000 for the State-side program of the land and water conservation fund.

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Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 240, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Federal tax relief.

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Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 242, to express the sense of the Senate that increased funding for elementary and secondary education should be directed to States and local school districts.

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Domenici (for Hutchison/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 243, to express the sense of the Senate that a task force be established to create a reserve fund for natural disasters.

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Lautenberg (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 244, to strike section 314, Sense of the Senate on Sale of Governors Island.

(See next issue.)

Domenici (for Collins) Amendment No. 247, to express the sense of the Senate on need-based student financial aid programs.

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 177, to reduce tax breaks for the wealthiest taxpayers and reserve the savings for Medicare. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Voinovich Amendment No. 161, to use on-budget surplus to repay the debt instead of tax cuts. (By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate tabled the amendment.)

(See next issue.)

Robb/Graham Amendment No. 182, to ensure fiscal discipline by requiring that any tax relief be offset in accordance with current budget rules and practices, and that any surpluses be used for debt reduction, until Congress saves Social Security and strengthens Medicare and pays off the publicly held debt.

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Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 192, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative and the Individuals with Disabilities Act with mandatory funds, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3334–35**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 178, to provide for additional agricultural funding. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 75), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3327, S3352, S3363–68**

By 24 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 78), Lautenberg (for Hollings) Amendment No. 174, to continue Federal spending at the current services baseline levels and pay down the Federal debt. **Pages S3376–77**

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 196, to create a reserve fund for medicare prescription drug benefits. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S3336**

Withdrawn:

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 193, to allocate a portion of the surplus for legislation that promotes early educational development and well-being of children. **Page S3335–36**

Domenici (for Helms) Amendment No. 218, relating to the international affairs budget. **Page S3342–43**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 234, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for incentives for low- and middle-income savers and investors and the need for such incentives to be accompanied by an expansion of the lowest personal income tax bracket. **Page S3348–49**

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 235, to reduce the size of the tax cut. **Page S3349**

Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 239, to express the sense of the Senate that the Social Security Trust Fund shall be managed in the best interest of current and future beneficiaries. **Page S3351**

Domenici (for Grassley) Amendment No. 241, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the closure of Howard Air Force Base and repositioning of assets and operational capabilities in forward operating locations. **Page S3351**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 166, to express the sense of the Senate on saving Social Security and Medicare, reducing the public debt, and targeting tax relief to middle-income working families.

(See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 204, to extend the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

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Lautenberg (for Schumer) Amendment No. 167, to express the sense of the Senate that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program should be reauthorized in order to provide continued Federal funding for the hiring, deployment, and retention of community law enforcement officers.

(See next issue.)

Domenici (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 223, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress should provide the maximum funding envisioned in law for Southwest Border law enforcement programs to stop the flow of drugs into the United States. **Page S3345**

Domenici (for Abraham/Coverdell) Amendment No. 228, to express the sense of Congress on the use of Federal funds for needle exchange programs for drug addicts. **Page S3347**

Lautenberg (for Wyden) Amendment No. 200, to allow increased tobacco tax revenues to be used as an offset for the medicare prescription drug benefit provided for in section 209 (Reserve Fund for Medicare and Prescription Drugs). **Page S3337**

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 201, to fund a 40 percent Federal share for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by nearly one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. **Page S3338**

Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 203, to allow for the creation of a mandatory fund for medical research under the authority of the National Institutes of Health fully funded through a tax provision providing that certain funds provided by tobacco companies to States or local governments in connection with tobacco litigation or settlement shall not be deductible. **Pages S3338–39**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 168, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school construction grants, and reducing school sizes and class sizes. (See next issue.)

Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 172, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by ten billion dollars, leaving adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. (See next issue.)

Lautenberg Amendment No. 184, to establish a budget-neutral reserve fund for environmental and natural resources. **Page S3332**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 194, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative and the Individuals with Disabilities Act with mandatory funds, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. **Page S3336**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 198, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for increased funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance program in fiscal year 2000. **Page S3336**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 233, to protect taxpayers from retroactive income and estate tax rate increases by creating a point of order. **Page S3348**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of the following amendments:

(See next issue.)

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 64), Specter/Harkin Amendment No. 157, to provide for funding of biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health. **Pages S3310, S3352**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 69), Reed Amendment No. 162, to provide for certain Federal revenues, total new budget authority, and total budget outlays. (See next issue.)

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 70), Craig Amendment No. 146, to modify the pay-as-you-go requirement of the budget process to require that direct spending increases be offset only with direct spending decreases. **Page S3377**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 73), Crapo/Grams Amendment No. 163, to create a reserve fund to lock in additional non-Social Security surplus in the outyears for tax relief and/or debt reduction. **Page S3379**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 76), Domenici (for Snowe) Amendment No. 232, to allow increased tobacco tax revenues to be used as an offset for the Medicare prescription drug benefit provided for in section 209. **Page S3348**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 77), Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 195, to express the

sense of the Senate concerning an increase in the minimum wage. **Page S3336**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 80), Lautenberg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 190, to provide for a 1-year delay in a portion of certain tax provisions necessary to avoid future budget deficits. **Pages S3333,–S3374–76**

Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell. (See next issue.)

Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon. (See next issue.)

Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 20 was placed back on the Senate calendar. (See next issue.)

**Senate National Security Working Group:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 75, reconstituting the Senate Arms Control Observer Group as the Senate National Security Working Group and revising the authority of the Group. (See next issue.)

**Microloan Program Technical Corrections Act:** Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 440, to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Enzi (for Kerry) Amendment No. 248, to provide for the equitable allocation of appropriated amounts. (See next issue.)

**SBA Disaster Mitigation Pilot Program:** Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of S. 388, to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration, and the bill was then passed. (See next issue.)

**House Mail Technical Corrections:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 705, to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

**Aviation War Risk Insurance Program Extension:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 98, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program, the bill was then referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and then discharged from further consideration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Enzi (for Thompson) Amendment No. 249, to strike section 2 relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act. (See next issue.)

**Risk Management Decisions Affecting the 1999 Crop Year:** Senate passed S. 756, to provide adversely affected crop producers with additional time to make fully informed risk management decisions for the 1999 crop year. (See next issue.)

**Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS Supplemental Endorsement:** Senate passed H.R. 1212, to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

**New Mexico Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. (See next issue.)

**New Mexico Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. (See next issue.)

**Route 66 Resource Protection:** Senate passed S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance. (See next issue.)

**New Mexico Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Enzi (for Domenici) Amendment No. 250, in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

**Perkins County Rural Water System Assistance:** Senate passed S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system. (See next issue.)

Enzi (for Johnson/Daschle) Amendment No. 251, in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

**FERC License Jurisdiction:** Senate passed S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii. (See next issue.)

**Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act:** Senate passed S. 356, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to

the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. (See next issue.)

**National Historic Trail Designation:** Senate passed S. 366, to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, after agreeing to committee amendments. (See next issue.)

**South Dakota Historic Site:** Senate passed S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

(See next issue.)

**Alaska Hydroelectric Project Jurisdiction:** Senate passed S. 422, to provide for Alaska state jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, after agreeing to a committee amendment. (See next issue.)

**Coastal Heritage Trail Route Authorization:** Senate passed H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

**Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act:** Senate passed H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

**Treaty Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Convention on Nuclear Safety, with six conditions and two understandings. (Treaty Doc. 104-6);

(See next issue.)

**Authority for Committees:** All committees were authorized to file legislative reports on Friday, March 26, 1999 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., and executive and legislative reports on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the adjournment of the Senate. (See next issue.)

**Nomination-Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to extend the Governmental Affairs consideration of the nomination of David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

(See next issue.)

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security).

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

22 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.  
 Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.  
 (See next issue.)

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

James W. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Ellen Segal Huvelle, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Barbara M. Lynn, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Marshall S. Smith, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.  
 (See next issue.)

**Messages From the House:** (See next issue.)

**Communications:** (See next issue.)

**Petitions:** (See next issue.)

**Executive Reports of Committees:** (See next issue.)

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Amendments Submitted:** (See next issue.)

**Notices of Hearings:** (See next issue.)

**Authority for Committees:** (See next issue.)

**Additional Statements:** (See next issue.)

**Text of S. 544** (as passed the Senate on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 and inserted as an amendment to replace the entire text of H.R. 1141, as passed the Senate today.)  
 (See next issue.)

**Record Votes:** Eighteen record votes were taken today. (Total—81).  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 23, adjourned at 10:42 p.m., until 12 noon Monday, April 12, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, see next issue.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FCC/SEC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission;

and Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities & Exchange Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Adm. James M. Loy, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS: TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

### TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine certain incidents of terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens in Israel, and U.S. efforts to press for the indictment and extradition of terrorists who have taken American lives, after receiving testimony from Mark Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Jean-Claude Niddam, Head of the Legal Assistance between Israel and Palestine Authority, Israeli Ministry of Justice; Hasan Abdel Rahman, Chief Representative of the P.L.O. and the P.N.A. to the United States; Nathan Lewin, Miller, Cassidy Larroca, & Lewin, Washington, D.C.; Stephen Flatow, West Orange, New Jersey; Vicki Eisenfeld, West Hartford, Connecticut; and Diana Campuzano, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security), and 671 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Also, Committee approved its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

### CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT DOE LABORATORIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee resumed closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, receiving testimony from Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of

Counterintelligence, and Notra Trulock, III, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Neil J. Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Elizabeth A. Moler, former Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation on bankruptcy reform, focusing on financial services, the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Deposit Insurance Act, minimum payment disclosure, credit extensions to college students, debit cards, mortgage and home equity loans, and convenience users, after receiving testimony from Senators Torricelli and Durbin; Representatives Gekas and Boucher; Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Douglas H. Jones, Senior Deputy General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Mark McClellan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Microeconomics Analysis, Office of Economic Policy; Terry McCormick, Plains Bell Federal Credit Union, Amarillo, Texas, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Brian L. McDonnell, Navy Federal Credit Union, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions, Wright H. Andrews, Jr., Butera and Andrews, on behalf of the National Home Equity Mortgage Association, and David Warren, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Company, Inc., on behalf of the Bond Market Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Ronald A. Prill, Retailers National Bank, Dayton Hudson Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Beth L. Climo, Financial Industry Affairs, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; and Gary Klein, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

### FHA SINGLE FAMILY INSURANCE FUND

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on challenges facing the Federal Housing Administration Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, which backs the single family insurance fund, after receiving testimony from William C. Apgar, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Timothy F. Kenny, KPMG, Washington, D.C.

### AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on proposed legislation to modernize air traffic control programs, focusing on the National Airspace System, infrastructure, safety features, increasing capacity and efficiency, equipment age and maintenance, Free Flight, Data Link, and year 2000 computer efforts, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Robert W. Baker, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas; and John E. O'Brien, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Herndon, Virginia.

### GRADE CROSSING SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on issues relating to highway-rail grade crossing safety, including the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, Operation Lifesaver, warning sign improvement, emergency telephone systems, passive crossings, driving behavior, and enforcement, after receiving testimony from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Billy Parker, Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Gerri L. Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, both of Operation Lifesaver, Incorporated; Charles E. Dettmann, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C., and Paul C. Worley, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh.

### INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE REFORM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, after receiving testimony from Vonya B. McCann, Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State; Roderick Kelvin Porter, Acting Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Betty C. Alewine, COMSAT Corporation, and John Sponyoe, Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications, both of Bethesda, Maryland; James W. Cuminale, PanAmSat Corporation, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Conny Kullman, INTELSAT, Washington, D.C.



**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), and the nomination of Carolyn L. Huntoon, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

**ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF KYOTO PROTOCOL**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the economic impact of the Kyoto Protocol, which imposes legally binding emissions limits for greenhouse gases on the industrialized nations, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, after receiving testimony from Senator Hagel; Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Mary H. Novak, WEFA, Inc., Burlington, Massachusetts; and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, and Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, both of Washington, D.C.

**U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to United States-Taiwan relations, including the twentieth anniversary of Taiwan Relations Act, Taiwan Strait security, defense assistance, the engagement strategy with China, free market economy, and protecting U.S. interests, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Harvey J. Feldman, Heritage Foundation Asia Studies Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Carl W. Ford, Jr., Ford and Associates, and David M. Lampton, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia held oversight hearings to examine multiple program coordination in early childhood education, focusing on the Results Act 1993, which requires executive agencies, in consultation with the Congress and other stakeholders, to prepare strategic five-year plans, receiving testimony from Marnie S. Shaul, Associate Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 461, to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt significant sectors of the American economy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William J. Hibbler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Matthew F. Kennelly, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Carl Schnee, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Thomas Lee Strickland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado.

**JUSTICE BUDGET**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of Justice Programs and funding for state and local law enforcement, focusing on Juvenile Justice Accountability Incentive Block Grant, the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, and the Truth in Sentencing/Violent Offender Incarceration, after receiving testimony from Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; John H. Wilson, Montgomery Police Department, Montgomery, Alabama; Chet W. Vahle, Illinois Juvenile Court, Quincy, on behalf of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Patricia L. West, Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Harry L. Shorstein, Fourth Judicial Circuit Court, Jacksonville, Florida.

**BIOTERRORISM**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings on issues relating to bioterrorism, including United States public health and medical readiness, biological terrorism deterrence, outbreak containment and investigation, national pharmaceutical stockpile, and research and development, after receiving testimony from Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Jeffrey P. Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and William E. Clark, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Donald A. Henderson, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Richard L. Alcorta, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and John G.

Bartlett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, on behalf of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, all of Baltimore, Maryland; Stephanie B.C. Bailey, Metropolitan Health Department, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials; Jerome M. Hauer, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, New York, New York; and Michael T. Osterholm, Infection Control Advisory Network, Inc., Eden Prairie,

Minnesota, on behalf of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed sessions on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 82 public bills, H.R. 1281–1362; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 78–80 and H. Res. 133–34 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Concurrent Budget Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 by a yeas and nays vote of 221 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 77.

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**Amendments Rejected:**

The Coburn amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule and printed in House Report 106–77 that sought to substitute the President's completed budget proposal as scored by CBO (rejected by a recorded vote of 2 yeas to 426 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 74;

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The Minge amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule and printed in House Report 106–77 that sought to reserve 100% of the Social Security surplus for Social Security, and devote one-half of the expected on-budget surplus to debt reduction, 25% for tax cuts, and the remaining 25% for investments in priority programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 134 yeas to 295 nays, Roll No. 75); and

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The Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule and printed in House Report 106–77 that sought to make tax cuts or spending initiatives contingent on legislation addressing the solvency of Medicare and Social Security; protect 100% of the Social Security surplus; require Treasury to apply 100% of the surplus to the repurchase of government bonds held by the public and transfer that debt reduction to Medicare part A and Social Security trust funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 yeas to 250 nays, Roll No. 76).

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The House agreed to H. Res. 131, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 73.

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Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 224 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 72.

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Pursuant to the rule, the Kasich amendment, printed in House Report 106–77, that makes technical changes, adds a sense of the Congress on child nutrition, increases defense outlays in FY 2000 by \$2 billion, and requires CBO to consult with Social Security trustees when re-estimating the Social Security surplus was considered as adopted.

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**Late Report:** The Committee on Commerce received permission to have until midnight on April 9 to file a report on H.R. 851, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish improved predictive models for determining the availability of television broadcast signals.

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**Spring District Work Period:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Morella or, if not available, Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 12, 1999.

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**Joint Economic Committee:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Stark, Maloney of New York, Minge, and Watt of North Carolina to the Joint Economic Committee.

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**Resignations-Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, April 12, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 14, 1999.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1699 and H1780.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1709–10, H1710, H1755–56, H1765–66, H1778, and H1780. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 23, adjourned at 8:29 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, for morning-hour debates.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on SBA and on Drug Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Constantine, Administrator, DEA; James Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Donna Bucella, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy: Conservation. Testimony was heard from Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Council on Disability; the National Commission on Libraries; the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the NLRB. Testimony was heard from Audrey McCrimon, Chairperson, Committee on Finance, National Council on Disability; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries; David F. Lacy, Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home; Gail Wilensky, Chairperson, Medicare Payments Advisory Commission; and John C. Truesdale, Chairman, NLRB.

### TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy. Testimony was heard from Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witness.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force.

### TECHNOLOGY AND BANKING

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Technology and Banking. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Laura Unger, Commissioner, SEC; James Kamihachi, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Economic and Policy Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Arthur Murton, Director, Division of Insurance, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### ROSA PARKS GOLD MEDAL AWARD

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action H.R. 573, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on

behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

#### **SATELLITE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 851, Satellite Competition and Consumer Protection Act.

#### **JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Patricia Mantoya, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Judicial Programs, Department of Justice.

#### **EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Expanding Affordable Health Care Coverage: Benefits and Consequences of Association Health Plans. Testimony was heard from Steven B. Larsen, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### **LATEX ALLERGIES AND THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Latex Allergies and the Healthcare Industry: Do OSHA's Actions Confuse or Clarify? Testimony was heard from Angela Presson, M.D., Medical Officer, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Elizabeth D. Jacobson, M.D., Acting Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **DIETARY SUPPLEMENT HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act: Is the FDA Trying to Change the Intent of Congress?" Testimony was heard from Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **TRADE DEFICIT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on "A Record Trade Deficit: How Can the U.S. Government Prevent a Looming Trade Crisis?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary, Trade Development; and Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S. CAPITOL POLICE MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on United States Capitol Police Management. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; James W. Zigler, Chairman, U.S. Capitol Police; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Gary L. Albrecht, Chief of Police; and a public witness.

#### **RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Russian Foreign Policy: Proliferation to Rogue Regimes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **RESOLUTION CONDEMNING MURDER OF A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action H. Res. 128, condemning the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and calling for the protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland.

#### **BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

#### **OVERSIGHT—PATENT REFORM; PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Patent Reform and a hearing on the Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Campbell; Todd Dickinson, Acting Assistant Secretary and Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—BENEFITS OF A MORE EDUCATED WORKFORCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the benefits to the American Economy of a more educated workforce. Testimony was heard from the following Senior Legal Specialists, Directorate of Legal Research, Western Law Division, Library of Congress: Kersi Shroff and Stephen Clarke; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 209, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1999; H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of

1999; and H.R. 1183, Fastener Quality Act Amendments of 1999.

The Committee also approved its Oversight Agenda for the 106th Congress.

#### **WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on women's business enterprises. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kelly and Dunn; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Associate Director, VA and Military Health Care, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **DVA'S MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs management of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act program. Testimony was heard from Shelby Hallmark, Deputy Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; Ronald E. Cowles, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources Management; John Hancock, Director, Occupational Health and Safety Staff, Office of Administration; Fred Malphus, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 2; and Smith Jenkins, Jr., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 22.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY'S GOALS AND CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING REFORM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security's Goals and Criteria for Assessing Reforms. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller Gen-

eral, GAO; Stephen C. Goss, Deputy Chief Actuary for Long-Range Actuarial Estimates, SSA; and public witnesses.

#### **BUDGET: ALL-SOURCE ANALYSIS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: All-Source Analysis. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D284)

S.447, to amend as timely filed, and process payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999. Signed March 23, 1999. (P.L. 106-3)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1999**

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The Iraqi Oil for Food Program and Its Impact, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Health Care Financing Administration", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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#### **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 29 through April 3, 1999**

##### **Senate Chamber**

Senate will be in adjournment until Monday, April 12, 1999.

##### **Senate Committees**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House Committees**

*Committee on Government Reform,* March 31, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books? A Review of the Federal Consolidated Financial Statements", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, April 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate could begin consideration of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report and the Congressional Budget Conference Report, if available.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, April 12

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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